



ITALIANS RESIST GERMAN CANNON SMASH; MINIMUM PRICE FOR SWINE FIXED BY U. S.

SAMMIES AT GERMAN LINE OF LORRAINE IF REPORT OF KAISER'S CHIEFS IS TRUE

Belief That Americans Are Holding Gateway to France on Eastern Part of West Front; Expert Believes Scouting Party Was Taken in One of Many Night Encounters.

(By FRANK SIMONDS.)

New York, Nov. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—Granted that today's German official statement is accurate, the position of the American troops in France has been disclosed. The German statement announces that prisoners have been taken at the point where the Rhine-Marne canal crosses the battle front.

SAMMIES IN LORRAINE.

It is about five miles north of the town of St. Nicholas Du Port. Nancy is about a dozen miles due west.

If the Germans are right, then the American troops are in Lorraine close to the old frontier, and are covering one of the main roads between Nancy and Strassburg.

There has been no fighting on this front for more than two years, but if the German statement is correct, the American troops are now holding lines covering the eastern gateway to France.

All the foregoing speculation rests upon the German official statement. Conceivably the Germans have issued this statement in the hope of eliciting information. But the chances are that they have known for many weeks exactly where our troops were.

Herlin's terse announcement today that "North American" soldiers had been captured by German patrols on the Rhine-Marne canal on the French front, brought the American people a step nearer to the heart of the great struggle.

There was no doubt here that the men referred to were members of General Pershing's force undergoing final training with French regiments in front line trenches.

This is the first report received here of the capture of any members of the American expeditionary forces, but a number of naval gunners taken from American armed ships sunk by submarines and civilian members of the crews of other ships are held in German prison camps.

Night patrolling is a vitally important part of the final training of the American forces, as it is on these patrols that the commanding officers rely for information of activity in the enemy's front line.

Every night the scouts creep out with faces blackened against the keen vision of enemy lookouts and a swift, deadly spurt from a machine gun. They go creeping across the shell torn ground up to the enemy's entanglements, crawling and listening, dropping the air above them, sometimes lying still for hours, while rifles and machine guns hammer above them.

Not a night passes on many parts of the line but patrols encounter each other. Sometimes it results in firing.

The Weather

Table with weather data for Omaha, including temperatures, precipitation, and wind speeds.

RUSS DIFFER WITH ALLIES; FEAR BREAK

Kerensky Insists Delegate of Workmen Be Seated in Paris Conference to Discuss War Aims.

Washington, Nov. 4.—(Special Telegram.)—A new issue has arisen between Russia and the allies which is regarded in Russian circles as possibly critical. It concerns the admission of Skobelev, the delegate from the Soldiers' and Workmen's union, to the coming Paris conference.

Now comes word to this city that Kerensky has declared that the Russian democracy must be represented, which is taken to mean that he will insist upon the seating in Paris of the representative of the Russian soldiers and workmen.

In the meantime some doubt has arisen over the two governmental delegates from Russia to the conference, Terestchenko within the last few days has got into a controversy with the soldiers' and workmen's organization and has publicly criticized it.

Apparently the aim of the Russian radicals is to force the Paris conference to take up the question of war aims in detail. This is one thing that the rest of the allies are determined not to do.

Italian Army Says U. S. Should War on Austria

Washington, Nov. 4.—America can best aid Italy in her present crisis by declaring war on Italy's arch enemy, Austria-Hungary, an official cablegram received here today from the general headquarters of the Italian army, said.

Hun Wreckers Dismantle Belgium's Big Plants

Havre, Nov. 4.—The Belgian government continues to receive details of the Germans' systematic destruction of plants in Belgium. Organized wrecking crews have been engaged in dismantling blast furnaces.

British Artillery Overcomes German "Pillbox" Defense; Solid Concrete Forts Become Deadly Traps for Boches

Took Heavy Toll of Allies' Infantry Until Gunners of Heavy Artillery Learned to Smash Them.

By FRANK W. GETTY. (Special Cable to The Bee.)

London, Nov. 4.—The "pillbox" has come—and gone. Like the submarine, the giant Gotha biplane, the liquid fire and gas, and other German inventions which were to turn the tide of battle in Germany's favor, these much talked of concrete forts have been laid on the shelf—as far as settling the war is concerned. They are not infallible, but they are not decisive factors.

The "pillbox," or pillar-box, as the German communiques have it, is a rectangular structure, built generally by piling boxes of concrete one upon the other, like children's toy blocks. They are then allowed to form into a solid mass of concrete about a yard thick, which affords the gunners inside protection against anything except a direct hit by something over nine inches.

Occasionally they have roofs of similar thickness. More often they are left open to the sky, the better to be concealed from hovering enemy aeroplanes.

In action they bristle with machine guns, which are thrust out through numerous cracks and loopholes, the gunners, safe behind their thick walls, being able to rake advancing infantry without exposing themselves. Each "pillbox" holds from 40 to 50 men, and becomes a veritable death-trap if a British heavy does land a shell on it or a cloud of poison gas sweeps that way.

Were Hard Nuts to Crack.

The Boches have shown great adaptability in placing these pillboxes where they will be most effective. They had sowed them in and out among the little hollows on the western slopes of Passchendaele ridge, frequently running up a rim of concrete around a shell crater, leaving the top uncovered. Where they did this, of course, a high trajectory British barrage quickly made the position untenable, but such pillboxes as escaped the hail of steel and lead which preceded the British advances were difficult nuts for the infantry to crack.

Many a decoration has been won in the last month or two by men who, by a single act of bravery, have taken a pillbox which was holding up an advance.

I talked with a Tommy who was later awarded the D. C. M. for disposing of one of these obstacles single-handedly.

"It was a cinch," he said. (He was a Canadian, by the way.) "My company was held up by one of the infernal things, which kept spitting bullets all over the ground we had to cross. So I took a couple of Mills bombs, and crawled up behind a little ridge, hardly higher than your hat, with bullets pinking up the dirt all around us. Then, when I got within a dozen yards of the place I rushed it, taking a chance they wouldn't get me. Some how I got through, and flattened myself right up against the wall of the blessed thing, where the Boches inside couldn't get me. I could hear 'em swearing away in their hut, knowing I was there, but not being able to hit me. Then I just pulled the pin out of one of the bombs, reached around quick and shoved her in past the nose of one of those little quick-firers they had playing on the boys. The explosion darn near blew the thing to pieces, and when we got in by the rear door every one of those

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Clip Wings Lower Prussian House to Beat Third Estate

Copenhagen, Nov. 4.—The German authorities think it advisable to clip the wings of the Prussian legislature finally before the power is turned over to an under-house elected on equal suffrage.

The billion budget rights, mentioned recently as part of the Prussian reform program, forbids the lower house to introduce new appropriations in the budget or increase the items as submitted without the permission of the government.

The House of Lords is authorized, if the lower house rejects the standing appropriation of the budget, to demand a revote or a discussion in a conference committee of both houses.

The bill also provides for continuance of the standing appropriations of the preceding budget if the estimates are not postponed at the opening of the fiscal year.

Women Drive Nails and Tacks at Ralston Factory

Women are now driving nails and tacks in the upholstery department of the Ralston Furniture factory. The superintendent has recently put five young women to work in the plant, and he declares they are peculiarly efficient.

Emperor Charles to Sit On Throne of Poland

Amsterdam, Nov. 4.—The Munich Nuette Nachrichten prints a report from Vienna that Emperor Charles on Sunday, which is his birthday, will be proclaimed king of Poland, and also ruler of the south Slav states, embracing especially Bosnia and Herzegovina and that part of Serbia already occupied by Austria.

U. S. TO ASSURE FARMER GOOD PRICE FOR HOGS SO HE WILL BE CERTAIN TO MAKE MONEY

Meat Administrator Cotton Outlines Policy of Government in Regulating Packers; Price Not to Be Permitted to Go Below \$15.50 Per Hundred on the Chicago Market.

Policies for the development of the live stock industry of the state, which will include plans for the encouragement of the breeder, and especially the hog breeder, will be determined today when the live stock committee of the Federal Food Administration for Nebraska will meet in the directors' rooms of the United States National bank.

CARLOADS 'SPUDS' LEFT TO FREEZE BY SPECULATORS

Police Find Great Quantities of Cabbages, Onions and Beets Rotting in Freight Cars Marked "Hold."

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Nov. 4.—Report was made to the police tonight of the finding of several hundred loads of potatoes, cabbage, onions and sugar beets that have been allowed to freeze and rot in the railroad yards here, being held by speculators.

The detectives declare they found in a hill more than 30 feet high and 100 feet long, composed of decomposed vegetables, recently dumped from freight cars. In the railroad yards they said they found many freight cars bearing no destination tickets and marked "hold spuds."

The report showed that between 300 and 500 car loads of decayed vegetables were found in the yards with orders that they were not to be moved. All were marked "hold." The car numbers are in the possession of the police.

Trainmen Must Talk Before They Decide Whether to Strike

Chicago, Nov. 4.—The conference of the executive committees of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railroad Conductors continued yesterday with no announcement made as to plans for a contemplated demand for wage increase which, it is said, affects 250,000 railroad employees.

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and one of the conferees, answering a question as to probability of a strike, said: "I would rather talk a month than strike a minute."

Spain Forms New Coalition Cabinet; Name Personnel

Madrid, Nov. 4.—A monarchical national coalition cabinet has been formed by Marquis Manuel Garcia Prieto De Alhucemas, who takes the post of premier. The cabinet includes: Minister of foreign affairs, Senor Alvaredo.

Minister of interior, Senor Bahamonde; finance, Senor Ventosa; public works, Senor Alcala Zamora; justice, Fernandez Prada; war, Juan De La Civera; marine, Amalia Jimeno; public instruction, Senor Rodes.

The cabinet comprises three democrats, two catalanists, two friends of Maura, one friend of Romanones and one independent.

British Sea Lord Tells Why Big Fleet Could Not Succor Russia

London, Nov. 4.—The passage in the interview of Premier Kerensky recently given to The Associated Press, which has aroused the greatest interest here was his inquiry as to why the British fleet had not been sent to the Baltic Sea.

"Before the Germans attempted operations in the Gulf of Riga they deemed it necessary to occupy the islands commanding the entrance to the gulf," he said. "The islands which command the entrance of the Baltic belong to a neutral power, Denmark. Would it not be an act of madness for the British fleet to pass through into the Baltic, with the certainty that the Germans would occupy and fortify those islands in our rear?"

"If we did pass through, should we find the German fleet there on our arrival? The leading vessels of our fleet, debouching from the Great Belt—the only possible passage—in necessarily deep formation on a very narrow front, would find the whole German fleet deployed and concentrating fire on them."

"I do not touch upon such questions as those of line communication to be maintained with the fleet once in the Baltic and the fact that every supply ship passing through would do so within 30 miles of Kiel. Our fleet in the Baltic, if it got there, would soon within to impotence with its vital communications cut and our Russian ally could not supply it with fuel, ammunition or stores."

Catch Lithuanian Carrying Bomb on U. S. Transport

New York, Nov. 4.—A high explosive bomb, so made that it could be timed to explode, was found in the possession of Mathews Valiekounas, a Lithuanian, by representatives of United States Marshal Power yesterday, as he walked aboard an American transport, where he has been employed as a carpenter.

The machine, described as "an electric detonator of unusual shape," contained powder, gun cotton, sulphate and chloride of potash and was closed at one end with hay. The tube was slightly more than a foot long.

The man told conflicting stories of how he came to be in possession of the bomb.

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Pro-German Miscreant

"I am convinced that the stricken children of Madison school are victims of a pro-German miscreant who contaminated a supply of vaccine points used by us and manufactured by the National Vaccine company at Washington, D. C. This company is one of the oldest and most reliable in the country. I have just received a telegram from them, asking me to send them any supply I have on hand and they stated they have called in all of their points in this country. These points were contaminated with pus germs which cause sore arms, but I do not look for any serious results from any case. The National vaccine company advised me that in some city, the name not being mentioned by them, tetanus germs were discovered in their points."

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CADORNA'S ADVANCE GUARD STANDS LIKE WALL IN FACE OF ARTILLERY SHOCK FIRE

Reports From Battle Line in Italy Show Romans Withstanding Early Attacks of Foe; Germans Make Counter Attacks From Line to Which They Withdrew in France.

Rome, Nov. 4.—(By Associated Press.) Heavy attacks were launched on the Italian lines in the Giudicaria zone on the Trentino front yesterday after extended artillery preparation. The war office announced today that these attacks which were directed at advanced posts in the Daone and Giunell valleys were repulsed after hard fighting.

The artillery duel along the Tagliamento is proceeding and the Italians are replying with vigorous measures to stronger Austro-German pressure on the Italian left wing.

VACCINE POINTS USED IN OMAHA ARE INFECTED

Drs. Connell and Langfeld Assert Supply Contaminated and Believe Pro-German Miscreant to Be Guilty.

Vaccine points manufactured by the National Vaccine company at Washington, and used in Omaha, have been tested by City Bacteriologist Langfeld and found to contain pus germs in dangerous quantities.

Health Commissioner Connell and Dr. Langfeld assert that these points have been contaminated and their belief is that a pro-German miscreant accomplished his purpose.

Dr. Connell urges all physicians to return without delay all vaccine points of the National Vaccine company's manufacture. A telegram received on Sunday by Dr. Connell from the National Vaccine company requested that all of its points in Omaha be returned at once, and stated that the company had called in all of its points in the United States.

The health commissioner and city bacteriologist believe that vaccine points used October 3, when 200 children were inoculated at Madison school, were polluted before reaching Omaha.

"I made a bacteriological examination of some of these points, as instructed by Dr. Connell, and found evidence of pus germs in such quantities as to cause me to believe that the points had been tampered with by a person having a sinister design," stated Dr. Langfeld.

One hundred boys and girls of the Madison school, Seventeenth and Madison streets, South Side, have sore arms as the result of general vaccination applied at this school on October 3, on order and under direction of the city health department. There were 200 vaccinated at this school on that date. None of the stricken cases is serious, according to the health commissioner, who gave the following statement yesterday:

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County Officials Raid Roadhouse; Arrest Waiters

Sheriff Clark, with two special state agents, raided a roadhouse at a place known as Schlitz Park, Sixth and Center streets, Saturday and arrested three bartenders and an entertainer. The proprietor is out of town. The officers found a half pint bottle of whiskey in the place.

The roadhouse was enlivened by strains of popular music, and 30 men and women were having a hilarious time when the officers appeared. Soft drinks slightly "sticked" with whiskey were being served.

The four employees of the place were taken to the county jail and later released on bonds. They gave the names of L. D. Westover, Carleton George; M. Elliot, 624 North Eighteenth street; James Falconer, 1314 Douglas street, and R. W. Daugherty, 1026 Park avenue.

The others departed for more pleasant realms. Officers have had the roadhouse under surveillance for some time.

Reserve Board Official Tells America's War Needs

Philadelphia, Nov. 4.—To win the war the United States must devise a system of economic, financial and industry strategy that will unite the whole nation and its energies as a basis for the armies in the field. A. C. Miller, of the Federal Reserve board said yesterday at the war finance conference of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

"Such a system will be as infinitely important as the strategy of military force," he said.

"Those who have been producing most produce more."

Mr. Miller pointed out that at least 15,000,000 men will have to labor in the United States at the exclusive task of maintaining and equipping the military forces of America and the allies.